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PRODUCTION OF FUNCTIONAL PROTEINS: BALANCE OF SHEAR STRESS AND GRAVITY

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO **OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 11, 2001**

**Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2001, Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

## In the Abstract

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute the following:

The present invention provides for a method of culturing cells and inducing the expression of at least one gene in the cell culture. The method provides for contacting the cell with a transcription factor decoy oligonucleotide sequence directed against a nucleotide sequence encoding a shear stress response element.

